

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please delete page 7/7 of the drawings, which is a listing of reference numerals. Pages 1/7-6/7 have been renumbered 1/6-6/6.

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REMARKS

The above-noted amendments to claims 1-14, and addition of new claim 15, as well as the submission of a new Abstract and revisions to the Specification, are respectfully submitted prior to the initiation of prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The above-noted claim amendments and new claim are respectfully submitted in order to more clearly and appropriately claim the subject matter which applicants consider to constitute their inventive contribution. No new matter is included in these amendments. In addition, the new Abstract and the revisions to the Specification are submitted in order to clarify and correct the Abstract and Specification and to conform them to all of the requirements of U.S. practice. No new matter is included in these amendments.

Finally, the revisions to the drawings are merely for the purpose of deleting page 7/7 which is a listing of reference numerals in the application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he/she may have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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FIG. 1

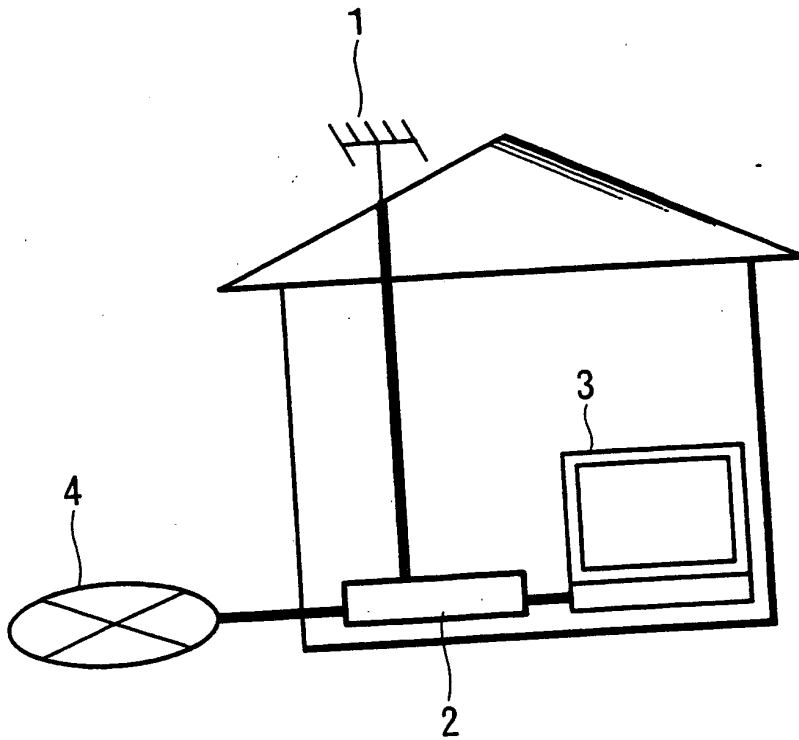
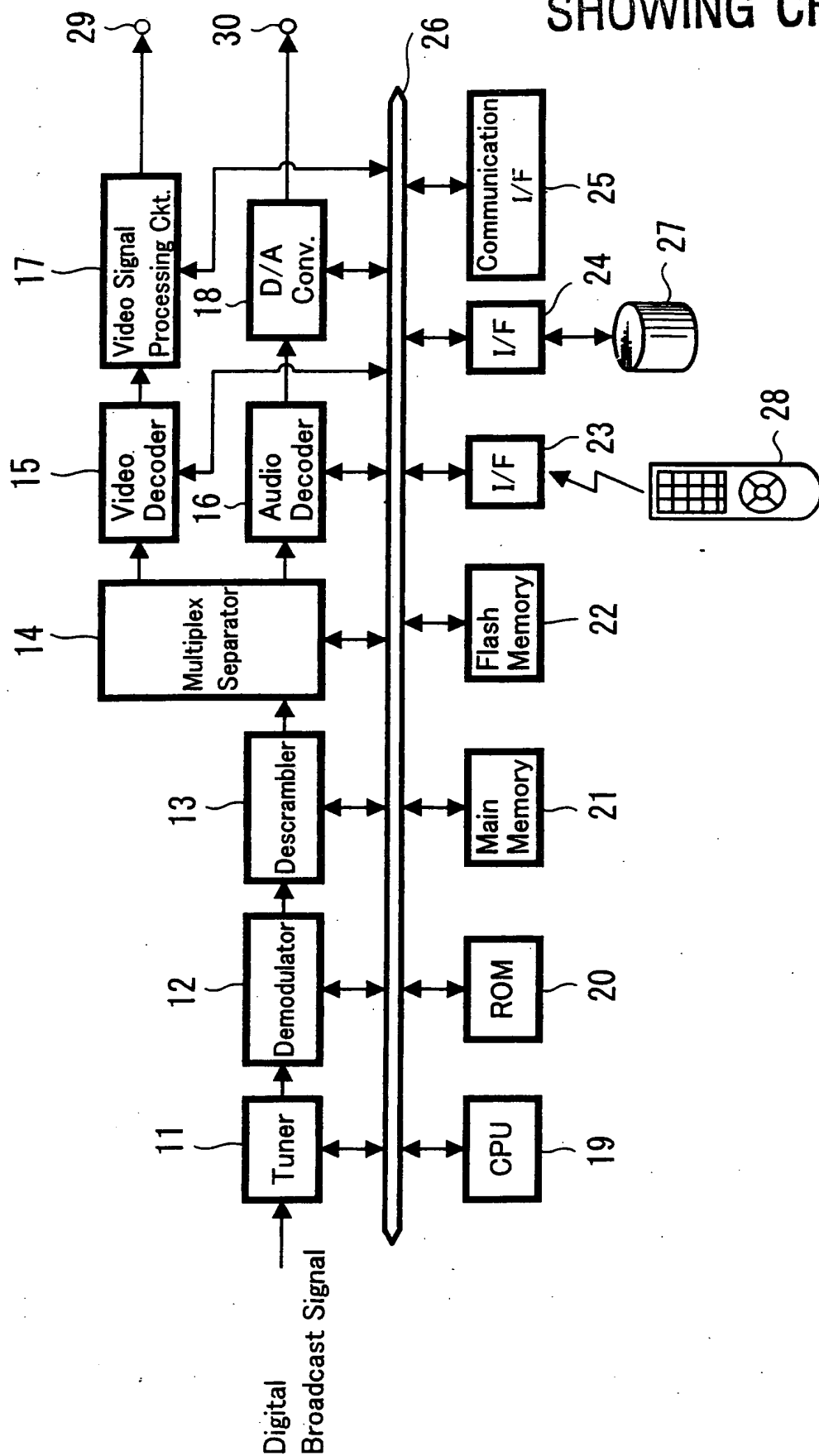


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FIG. 3

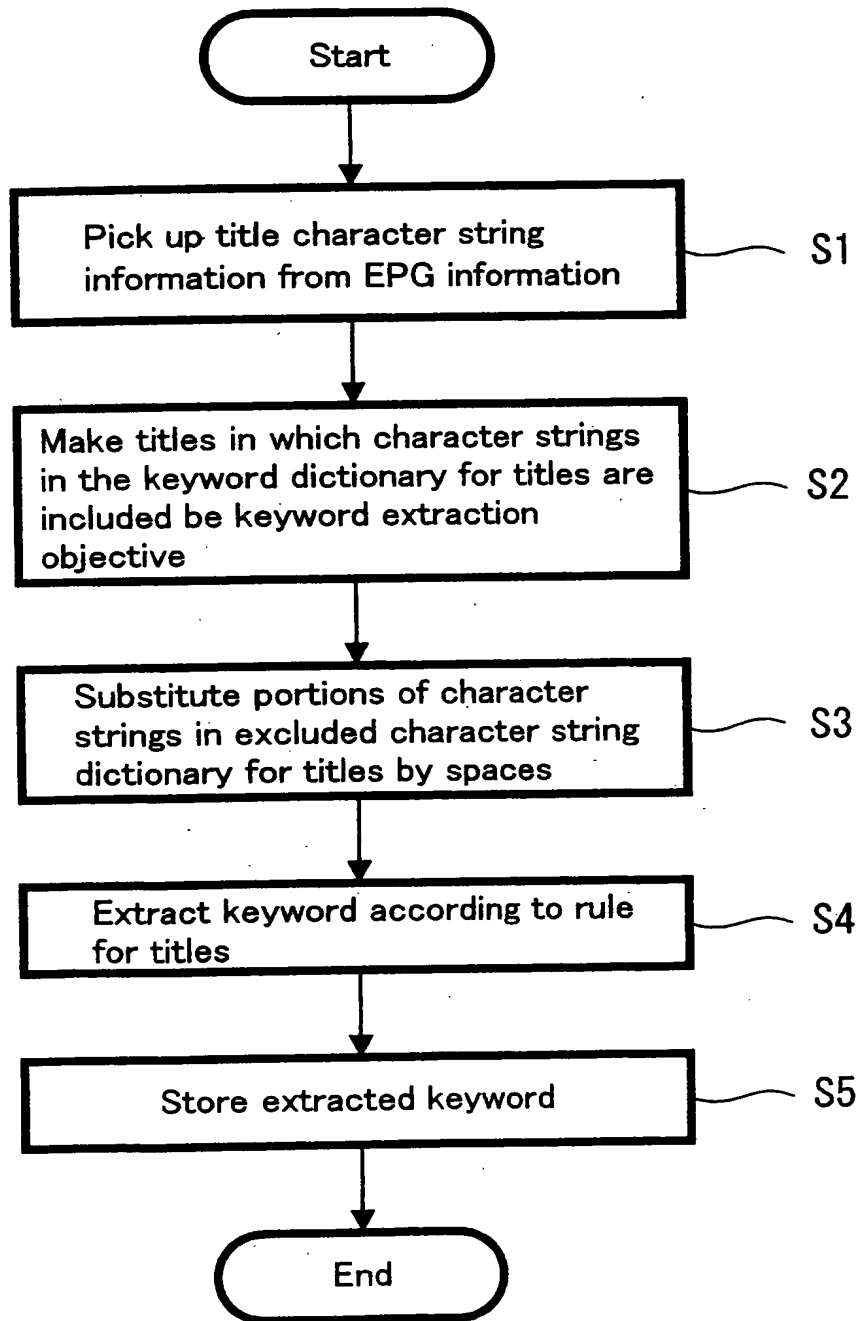
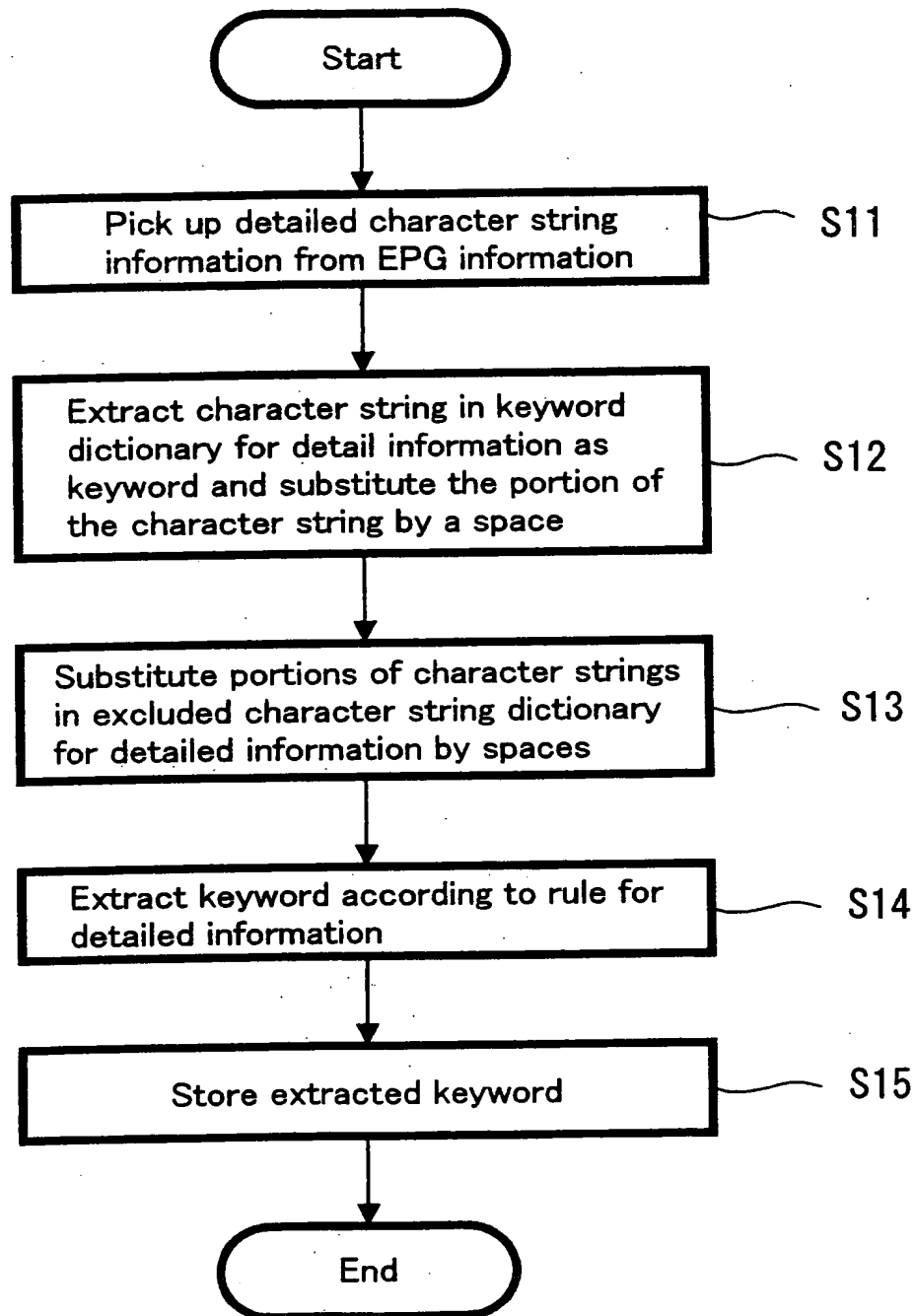


FIG. 4



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FIG. 5

Extract title character string which is not separated by a special character as keyword as it is
Extract character strings of equal to or more than 2 letters as keywords within title character strings separated by special character respectively
“.” (Midpoint) is not treated as a special character In a case when there exists “.” at the head or at the tail end of the extracted character string, a portion excluding “.” is made to be a keyword

FIG. 6

Utilize Character Type Separation Method
Treat katakana and alphabet as same character types
Treat “.” as katakana and alphabet in a case when letter just before it are katakana and alphabet respectively
Extract character strings excluding only hiragana, only chinese character equal to or less than 2 letters and only chinese character equal to or more than 6 letters as keywords within separated character strings

FIG. 7

